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ENZYMATICALLY MODIFIED SURFACE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 11, lines 1 and 2, delete "or 10".

Claim 12, line 2, delete "one or more of claims 9 to 11", and insert --claim 9--.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 11 and 12 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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